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MACDONALD CALLS FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Singapore is sustaining the new invasion with remarkable courage—and indeed with great enthusiasm.

This is written on Thursday, April 17. The All-Malayan Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute has been under way for nearly forty-eight hours. The programme is in full swing.

The 1952 Institute promises to be the biggest ever in Malaya, not only in the number of delegates who have come from all over Southeastern Asia, but also in the challenges which the young people will accept and in the vision of the planners.

Registration officials have just stated that in excess of 650 MYF members are here. The staff of leaders is an impressive one. The Institute has gathered together what is without doubt the largest assemblage of youth ever known in Singapore and Malaya.

This morning, workshops, Bible study, and discussion groups, all centred about the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done," held their first sessions. The afternoon plans for recreation and relaxation are very well planned and are meeting with an excellent response.

Highlight thus far was the appearance this morning of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General for Her Majesty's Government for Southeast Asia, who addressed the Institute at noon and remained for tiffin and a group photograph.

Complimenting the Instituters for their efforts to learn more about youth leadership, Mr. MacDonald said, "For you in Southern Asia, there is a bigger job than leading young people. You must also lead young nations."

Pointing out that India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, the Philippines, and Indonesia had all won their independence in the last ten years, the Commissioner General stated that "In Malaya, we are making a new nation which shall in time be free and shall be the master of its own destiny."

Men and women of extra-ordinary ability are required, he continued. "For us Christians, there is a text-book where we can learn wonderful things about this kind of leadership." He referred to Jesus as the world's greatest conqueror and "an individual of the purest simplicity and humility."

"By what quality of leadership did Jesus gain his victory? He possessed to an unlimited degree the supreme virtue called love. Love is the all-conquering weapon."

Mr. MacDonald called upon Instituters to have "infinite love for your fellow-men without any distinction whatsoever," and predicted that with such love the youth of this land may develop into the kind of leaders who are urgently needed.

Mr. Thio Chan Bee, Institute Dean, set the tempo of the gathering by his morning watch meditation yesterday on the necessity of change in the human heart as a prerequisite to "fair weather" in the world. The theme was further amplified in the second morning presentations of the Revs. Hong Han Keng and John R. Fleming.

Dr. Herbert H. Peterson officially opened the Institute on Tuesday evening, April 15, with introductions of staff members, visitors, and chapter delegations. Also presented were sizable fraternal delegations from Burma, Sumatra, and Sarawak. The Rev. Joe B. Kennedy, chairman of the commission on worship and evangelism of the National Conference of the MYF in America, is also a fraternal delegate.

Too much praise cannot be given to Secretary for Young People's Work Peter Lim and Business Manager Eric Wee. They are doing a marvelous job of keeping the wheels oiled and turning, and they have carefully organised every detail of food, lodging, and convenience—not to mention the programme time-table.

Something is happening in Singapore! Depend on that. Youth are looking for great days ahead. Christ leads.

(A full account of the 1952 Institute will be featured in the June issue).

All Eyes on San Francisco

The fourth quadrennial General Conference of The Methodist Church opened in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, April 23. At least twenty-five countries were represented.

This is the supreme law and policy-making body of the church which was formed in 1939 by the reunion of three Methodist bodies and which now numbers, at home and abroad, about ten million members.

Seventy bishops, active and retired, occupied the platform along with the nine-man Judicial Council, Methodism's supreme court. At tables on the floor of the arena were seated the 720 elected delegates.

Fraternal messengers were in attendance from other autonomous Methodist bodies, as well as official spokesmen for sister denominations and the National and World Councils of Churches.

The traditional episcopal address, a corporate utterance signed by all the bishops, was read on the first evening by Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, Tenn., its author. This lengthy document is similar in purpose to the President's message at the opening of a new Congress.

Following its delivery the bishops, according to Methodist usage, take no further part in influencing legislation. While they have neither voice nor vote during the two weeks of the Conference, they do preside over business sessions and speak at devotional services.

Glide Memorial Methodist Church, San Francisco, the Rev. John R. Kenney, pastor.

Of top interest on the San Francisco agenda was the controversial report of the Survey Commission, a group empowered by the 1948 General Conference to study Methodist organisation and to present in 1952 a kind of "Hoover plan" for such changes as might prevent overlapping, effect economies and improve administrative efficiency. The Commission has been aided in its survey by a firm of industrial engineers, the project costing $240,000.

Opposition to the Survey Commission's proposals which were presented to delegates last December, was largely on the grounds that the recommendations demanded more sweeping changes than are deemed necessary to correct present inadequacies, that the economies promised are not certain and that undemocratic concentrations of power would result from certain top coordinating bodies called for in the report.

A report on the ministry upheld rigid educational standards for the clergy and urged retention of the present denial to all but fully ordained Conference members the right to administer Holy Communion. One recommendation in this report seeks to eliminate the pledge required of ministerial candidates that they will not smoke.

Legislation comes to the Conference through "memorials" filed with the secretary, Dr. Lud H. Estes of Milan, Tenn. These memorials (petitions for legislative action) are referred to appropriate committees. The committee reports, after publication in the Conference daily, are presented to the plenary session by the respective chairman for debate and action.

Outstanding events in the Methodist fortnight were the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered the first morning under the direction of senior Bishop Herbert Welch of New York, now in his 90th year. The issuance of the first volume of "The Interpreter's Bible" was commemorated in an evening program. There was a Youth Night, A California night, a pageant celebrating the 1948-52 "Advance for Christ and His Church," among other evening programs. Special events, however, were fewer than usual to permit sufficient business sessions to care for the large amount of legislation.

The Rev. Dr. Fred B. Newell of New York was chairman of the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference and the Rev. Dr. Aubrey S. Moore of Chicago, secretary. The chairman of the San Francisco committee was host-Bishop Donald H Tippett.

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HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT GENERAL CONFERENCE

If his true vocation were not the shepherding of a church of 900 members in Milan, Tenn, one might almost call the Rev. Dr. Lud H. Estes a professional secretary.

He served his own annual conference in that capacity for 28 years. He was twice assistant secretary, then secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Three times he has been secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

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Air view of the city of San Francisco and harbour

SAN FRANCISCO'S RARE FACILITIES MEET GENERAL CONFERENCE NEEDS

By the Rev. R. Orman Roberts
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Methodists from all parts of the world joined what has become an ever growing procession of California-bound Americans.

The San Francisco committee expected at least 7,000 visitors to the city by the Golden Gate, to attend all or part of the quadrennial General Conference, which began its two-week session April 23.

These delegates and their friends admired this city's own style of architecture with its thousands of houses, built row upon row, hanging to the hillsides. They chuckled as they rode the unique cable cars snaking their way over steep inclines just as they did in the last century.

From Nob Hill they looked out upon a modern miracle, a new city of 760,753 people whose stone and steel structures have risen upon the ashes of 1906. From the heights the views are among the world's loveliest. To the west is the unbroken Pacific, to the north, the straits of the Golden Gate spanned by its storied bridge under which so much of the world's commerce passes.

From the hilltops can be seen the whole "Bay Area" around which much of the business, cultural and educational life of California centers. Across from the city is Oakland (pop. 380,576) with its thriving shipping and marketing life. Berkeley (pop. 113,217) has the world's largest institution of higher education, the University of California. Alameda (pop. 63,425) is a sister city to Oakland and Berkeley.

The bay is, in reality, three bays in one. From north to south there are more than 120 miles of inland waters. From east to west, the longest bridge (7½ miles) connects San Francisco and Oakland. It combines two suspension

spans and one cantilever hitched together by a tunnel through Yerba Buena Island.

Civic Auditorium will be Methodist Headquarters

The city's famous Civic Center occupies a superb site within a few minutes ride or walk of the principal hotel and shopping centers. This artistic group of monumental structures of white stone, designed in classic Italian style, surrounds a beautifully landscaped plaza.

Here is the great Civic Auditorium, seating 10,000, where the General Conference is being held. Its three stone arches and wide doorways look out upon the public library and state building opposite. To the left is the City Hall with its lofty dome. Nearby is the $6,000,000. War Memorial Opera House where the United Nations was organised and where one of the evening programmes was presented.

The impressive arena of the Auditorium is nearly 200 feet square, yet this is only one of the halls in the building. Erected by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, this famous hall was presented to the municipality, at its close.

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OUR COVER

Here is a grandmother teaching her young charge to read. The eager face of this boy is typical of many to whom The Methodist Church seeks to minister. Dr. Frank C. Laubach arrived in Malaya on May 2 and has just completed a visit in Kuala Lumpur in the interest of literacy. He is now working in Penang and will come south again on May 25. Wherever this Apostle of Literacy goes, truth and light proceed. We pray God's blessings on this effort in our midst. Photograph by Kenneth Ng, Kuala Lumpur.

More on DR. ESTES

But it was in 1939 in Kansas City when Dr. Estes stepped into the big league class of secretarying. Here he was made the scribe of the Uniting Conference in which three major branches of American Methodism were brought back into one church. He filled the job so well that the four General Conferences held since unification have made their first item of business his election to the secretarial office.

The secretarial offices of a Methodist General Conferance tally up a sizable stuff. The secretary named 19 assistants to each of whom he assigned a specific exacting task. In addition he appointed ten more staff men to handle ballots and tellers and to count standing votes. Three stenographres served the secretary and assistants and six more were at the service of committees. Three stenotypists recorded the proceedings.

Among the secretary's pre-conference duties is the issuance of credentials to delegates, then compiling the committee lists when the delegates have indicated their choices. This data is organised and edited into the "Handbook for Delegates." When the conference is over the secretary edits the General Conference Journal, a book about the size of an unabridged dictionary and he assists in getting the Discipline to press.

How Many Delegates and Why

The Discipline provides that the General Conference must have between 600 and 800 delegates. The ministers of each annual conference elect one ministerial delegate for every 70 ministerial members and one additional delegate for a major fraction thereof. The lay delegates elect an equal number of lay delegates.

Dr. Estes reports that the total authorized membership of the San Francisco General Conference is 746, but conditions in China kept 20 delegates from their seats and the situation in European "iron curtain" countries prevented the coming of six others.

Of the 720 Dr. Estes says that 66 are from outside the United States. Women delegates number 75. Probably the delegation from the Central Province in India traveled the farthest. The Rev. Dr. John R. Kenney, pastor of Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, was able to walk to sessions from his office.

Sixty Percent Are First-Time Delegates

Of the 360 ministerial delegates, 200 are attending their first General Conference. A larger number of lay delegates, 224, received their first credentials in 1952. This means that nearly 60% of the seats were occupied by persons to whom the experience was new.

To become a ministerial delegate Dr. Estes' figures would seem to indicate that one should first become a district superintendent. More than one in four of the 572 superintendents in the U.S. are delegates, while only one in a hundred pastors have made it. Of the 360 ministerial delegates, 152 are district superintendents.

Dr. Estes has made an interesting tabulation of the occupations of the lay delegates. Business executives head the list, with 84. Educators are next, 51. Then come attorneys, 38; insurance men, 14; homemakers, 14; editors, 8; doctors, 8; bankers, 8; farmers, 7; accountants, 7; morticians, 6; postal employees, 6; dentists, 2; court stenographer, 1; government employee, 1, social worker, 1.

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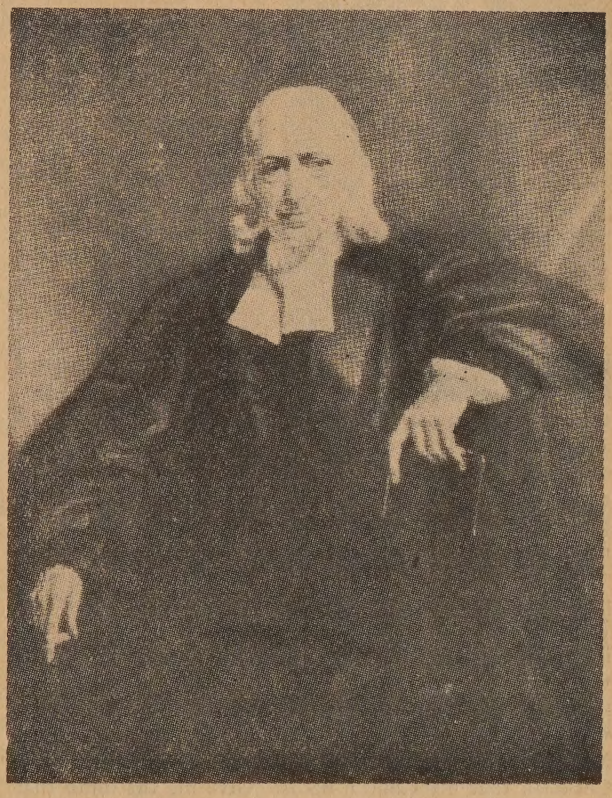
Editorial

TO WESLEY

(With apologies to William Wordsworth and his sonnet, "To Milton")

Wesley! Would you were here to preach God's truth!
The world still needs your voice: ours is an age
Whose strength lies clothed in restlessness, a cage
Wherein is pow'r; but how unfit to soothe
The troubled spirits of mankind! Uncouth
And frightful are the arms we mold to wage
Destruction on our foes. The world's wide stage
Reveals despair for rulers—and for youth.
Your mission was to make men "right with God,"
And hence at peace with all their fellowmen.
You preached in city streets, wherever sin
And greed corroded and debased. Oh may
Our hearts be "strangely warmed," too, till we trod,
With love's replendent glow, the King's highway.



THE DREAM AND THE DARE

William H. Danforth says that when Henry Ford was desirous of perfecting unbreakable glass for his motor cars, he refused to discuss the possibility with experts. He wanted to see no one who knew all the answers. Such persons, he felt, would conjure in their minds too many reasons to show that it was beyond human ken to manufacture unbreakable glass.

"Bring me eager young fellows who do not know the reasons why unbreakable glass cannot be made," said Mr. Ford. "Give this problem to ambitious young fellows who think nothing is impossible." This was done. And he got unbreakable glass.

Youth is a time of dreaming, but it is also the time for daring. The Seabees, a shortened name for the Construction Battalion, were the heralds of conquering troops in the Pacific Islands during World War II. Their duty was to construct landing fields, erect pill-boxes, to prepare the way. The Seabees had a motto to fit the job: "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little time."

John Wesley found the germ of the Methodist Movement in the Holy Club at Oxford. Every member was a young man who had a vision of what Britain could be if the difficult were attempted. Jesus surrounded himself with a group of men, the majority of whom had the spirit of youth. They and their successors did the impossible, and one report of them is that "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

There has just concluded in Singapore a conclave a Methodist youth who were inspired during their days together to scale the heights of Christian devotion, and to undertake tasks big enough for God. The Church can build with confidence if it can channel this inspiration into avenues of service and, if need be, sacrifice. No army wins the battle when fear of the enemy clouds and thwarts the will to conquer. Christians are true to their Lord only when they follow his example. There was in Jesus no fear of evil nor of death. There was only the fear that men would become obsessed with their own selfish pursuits and let the moment for greatness pass unheeded.

The Institute and its meaning should not be allowed to go into eclipse because of our little faith. If we believe that with God all things are possible, then we will not despise God's dreams as they have awakened youthful hearts. "Let no one slight you because you are a youth," said Paul, "but set the believers an example of speech, behaviour, love, faith, and purity."

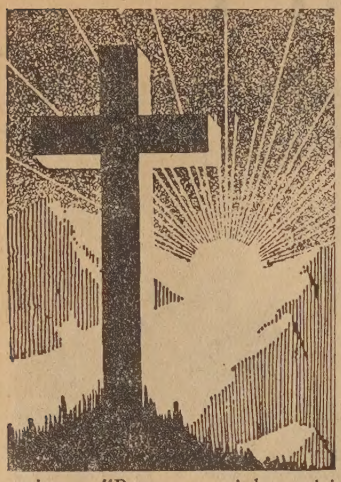
A renewal of our spirits is necessary

FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE

A Malaysia Message Sermon

A. V. KLAUS

"Renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51: 10 b.



THE words of our text are taken from the great penitence Psalm, which, most of us were taught, expresses King David's prayer for forgiveness, when he had permitted sin to become powerful in his life. He craves a return to a relationship with the Divine that existed before he fell into temptation. "Renew a right spirit within me. Make me again to love Thee with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my mind. Make me again to know myself a child of God, created in His image, ready to do His bidding. Make me again to love my neighbour as myself." So the ancient Psalmist might have prayed.

Many Christians feel the need of making similar petitions. Give me the spirit that was so perfectly revealed in Christ Jesus, the spirit which dominated my life when I first accepted Him as my personal Saviour; the spirit that made me effective and efficient in His service. Renew in my life the spirit that hates sin, while it seeks ways to express my love for the sinner. Make me again the Christian that I once was; the Christian that my Church needs. Give me the mind that was in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5).

This year The Methodist Church is holding its quadrennial Conference. Our leaders from all over the world have reported the progress made in their respective areas. They have told of the growth in the number of those who have accepted the Christian way of life. Their reports have shown also that the people called Methodists are coming to understand more clearly what it means to be a Christian, an understanding which is revealed in the dedication of their lives, so that any wealth, any ability that they possess may be placed at His service. The machinery of the Church has been examined and, wherever necessary, improved, so that it can better serve its purpose.

But the General Conference faced a task much more important than that of reporting its successes and increasing the efficiency of its methods. Upon our representatives who met at San Francisco on April 23 rested the duty and the privilege of giving our world-wide Methodism the plans to be used in the years that lie immediately ahead, in order that we may most effectively bring the message of the Gospel to the communities in which we live, to the end that men may have a better knowledge of Christ, and a clearer conception of the meaning of discipleship.

It is as yet too early for us to know exactly what those plans are; whether our moving forward is to be called a crusade, an advance, or a service. Whatever the task to which the Church calls us, we pastors and laymen must loyally shoulder the burdens and the responsibilities that are placed upon us, so that God's work may go forward.

But plans and the methods used for realizing them are at best guides to show us direction. Real success, however, is dependent upon the spirit of those who must make those plans live. We who have been called to establish a Church in Southeastern Asia can do this most effectively if we think of ourselves as part of a movement, that has as its aim making Christ and His principles real in the lives of the greatest possible number of people.

Methodism was a movement long before it became a Church. It is doubtful whether John Wesley, its founder, ever intended to establish a Church. We are very certain, however, that after his heart was "strangely warmed" on the twenty-fourth day of May, 1738, it was his passion to make Christ real in the lives of his fellow countrymen. Wesley did not establish a new theology. His concern with methods of church government was practical rather than theoretical. One of my professors in a Methodist seminary, years ago, used to say to his students: "When Methodism ceases to emphasize the need for a new heart and a clean life, she will have lost the justification for her existence." May we Methodists never lose the passion for Christ that dominated the life of John Wesley!

Alas, many of us are not yet ready to fulfil the obligations that rest upon us as Christians, as Methodists; we are not prepared for the task, for the privilege of leading others to a living faith in Jesus. We need to pray with the Psalmist: "Renew a right spirit within me." We seed to receive a new the spirit that inspired us when Jesus became King of our lives.

Renew within me the right spirit toward God. Is the doing of His will the dominant aim of my life? Am I prepared to face unpopularity, defeat, and suffering, rather than do or say what is not right? Do I strive to make Jesus, God's highest revelation of Himself, my ideal? If not, let me ask God to renew within me a right spirit toward God.

Renew within me a right spirit toward self. During many years of very intimate association with Christian workers, I have come to the conclusion that the greatest hindrance to our effective presentation of the Christian message through word and life, is the unduly large place that self takes in our thinking. Most of us are conspicuously unselfish. Nevertheless, because of the importance of personal hopes and aspirations in our lives, we are not as effective messengers of Christ as we should be. Renew within us the right spirit toward self.

Renew within me a right spirit toward others. Christian workers are tempted to think of people as

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Christianity and the New India

Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

India can still be won to the side of the western democracies and also to the Christian religion, the Rev. James K. Mathews, recently returned from a visit in that land and former missionary to India, reported to Methodism's Board of Missions, January 18. Dr. Mathews is the Board's secretary for its missionary service in India.

Dr. Mathews believes that though India is still beset with internal and external problems—many old problems from before and during British rule, and new ones growing out of the world situation and a rising nationalism—probably more progress, economically and politically, has been made in that state during recent years than in any other part of the world.

"Not only have the 400,000,000 people of India won independence from the British Empire, and won it without recourse to arms (something almost unknown in history), but they have quietly settled the centuries-old problem of the maharajas and their feudal states," says Dr. Mathews. "They have stripped these princes of much of their enormous wealth and of their private armies. They are now pensioned, and their privileges and pensions are not hereditary. Most have been allowed to keep a city palace and a country palace each, and a few have found service in the government of states. But it is a major bloodless political victory for the common people."

On this visit to India—Dr. Mathews found a "new and cordial and friendly attitude" toward Americans. Editorials in the newspapers are in more friendly terms than a year ago. "There is widespread expression of appreciation of the Wheat Bill in which the United States gave delayed but much-needed aid to India," he reported. "It was a powerful blow to commusist propaganda which had indicated that in no case would the United States help India."

Concerning India's foreign policy, Dr. Mathews said: "India stands for peace. She stands for freedom for subject nations. She believes in action through the United Nations. Aside from these, it is her endeavour to approach each problem from an independent position and not to align herself with either of the two major power blocs in the world today. India and the United States have differed on only four of the fifty-one problems that have been before the United Nations."

The Christian minority in India has especial cause for gratitude, Dr. Mathews believes, in that all religions have been given freedom by the State's constitution, and that the law has been fairly applied to Christians as well as to others. He finds that the Christian groups, through ministry to the refugees and homeless of all creeds at the time of India's partition, has won the goodwill of all classes and faiths. "But we cannot live forever on that goodwill," he warns. "We must continue to minister to India's people and their deepest needs." And he urges that Christians be on guard in India to prevent any encroachment, by government or otherwise, upon the freedom of religion they have now won.

There are still "mass movements" of Indian groups out of Hinduism and into Christianity, said Dr. Mathews, but the movements are not so extensive nor so dramatic as they were at the turn of the century. In some areas, and among certain caste and outcaste groups, there has been a steady stream into the Christian church. But there has also been a notable movement among the educated and higher castes into Christianity—something rare a few decades ago. He reports that about one hundred high caste people were baptized in Delhi last year, and that many educated men and women come as individual inquirers to Christian pastors and missionaries for instruction or with questions.

"Previously," says Dr. Mathews. "when a Hindu or Moslem accepted Christianity he literally wrote himself out of his family and his community. But today, when he changes his faith, he does not become denationalized. Christianity is now being recognized as one of the religions of India. The fact that tht missionary stayed in India after British government officials left, and that it can no longer be considered a 'foreign faith,' or the faith of the unwanted rulers of the land, or 'the forerunner of imperialism' has given Christianity new place and esteem in India."

The morale of the missionaries, Dr. Mathews says, is high. "Despite high costs and restricted food, the missionaries have learned to adjust themselves to the life of India. For one thing, the *Advance for Christ and His Church* movement of the Methodist Church—providing new hospital, church, and school edifices for India, and providing new recruits for the missionary forces—has shown the Christian ambassadors that the Church at home believes in them and will support them. And I find, too, that the Indian Christians have taken new courage, new hope, and a bolder approach in speaking of their faith."

India's heritage from the decades of British rule is not all on the negative side of the ledger, Dr. Mathews believes. He points especially to the great Indian civil service, built by the British, now serving the new nation in a thousand capacities. A great majority of the under-officials of the government—from 50% to 90% of them in various fields—were Indians. In 400 districts of the prepartition India, there were thousands of Indian judges, medical officers, foresters, military leaders, etc. These were all highly trained, capable, reliable, and well qualified. Many of them are now aging, but Premier Nehru is seeing that younger men, of similar qualifications and training, are recruited for important government posts and for the civil service.

In the Christian church, Dr. Mathews points out, a similar process has been taking place, and a larger percentage of the church's religious and educational leaders are Indians. Methodism, for example, has two Indian bishops, and the principal of its women's college—Miss Sarah Chakko—is a president of the World Council of Churches. Fifty-three of the 62 Methodist district super-

intendents are Indian nationals; and almost all missionaries serve under some Indian leadership. Most of the mission schools have Indian principals, and there are more Indian doctors than missionary doctors in the mission hospitals.

Some of the "tangible evidence" of *Advance*-aided or inspired results, Dr. Mathews lists as follows: there are more Methodist missionaries in India today than at any time for 25 years; 136 new buildings—homes to hospitals—have been erected in the last three years; the Indians are now giving more funds to support their churches and schools; "tools" for Christian work—motion pictures to the Lucknow Press—have been provided new machinery; "village centers" have been added in many areas to aid economic and related situations through schools combining adult education, medical aid, farm methods, community worship programs, home crafts, etc.; and all phases of religious education have been strengthened.

"To indicate how the *Advance* spirit strikes a responsive chord in Indian hearts," said Dr. Mathews, "one has but to note that a Hindu banker is building a dental clinic at the Bareilly Hospital, and that a young dentist —provided by the *Advance*—will serve there; while another grateful patient is providing 100,000 rupees for a new out-patient building at the same Hospital. Meanwhile, Nadiad Hospital has new buildings built two-thirds from *Week of Dedication* and one-third from local sources, and Ludhiana is to become a medical college."

Dr. Mathews agrees with other observers that "communism is not an immediately pressing threat in India." "The communists have tried hard to undermine the present government and have recently turned to less violent measures," he says. "Government officials are strongly anti-communist and have employed stricter measures against insurgents than we have in America Quite contrary to having communist leanings, Prime Minister Nehru is opposed by the communists and has even been called by them 'the tool of Wall Street.' When he travels outside India it has not been uncommon for the communists to organize anti-Nehru parades. In a recent statement the Prime Minister said, 'The communists have followed the path of violence and open warfare against the state. No state can tolerate that."

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The Sermon On The Mount.

A TRANSLATION FOR MALAYAN YOUTH

I. MATTHEW 5

1. When Jesus saw the crowds of people he went up on top of the mountain. He found a place to sit down and then his followers were seated with him.
2. Then he began to teach them by saying:
3. Worthy of God's blessing are all who realise their great need of His Spirit, for the inheritance of Heaven belongs to them.
4. Those who are in sorrow and distress will also receive God's blessing, for they will know sure comfort in their souls.
5. God also extends His blessing to the lowly and humble people, and He will see to it that they possess the earth's real treasures.
6. This blessing is likewise deserved by all who want to be good people as strongly as they crave food and drink when they are hungry and thirsty; their desires will be satisfied.
7. Those who are kind and sympathetic toward others will, in turn, receive kindness and sympathy when their own needs arise.
8. God will bless those whose hearts are pure and whose motives are sincere, for He will surely reveal Himself to them.
9. Those who lead the way toward peace and harmony, among people as well as nations, will be honoured by being called the Sons of God.
10. Let it be remembered that any people who are ill-treated and tortured, but who remain true and do not turn traitors to what they know is right, will certainly be inheritors of God's Kingdom.
11. Because you follow me, it may be that men will say ugly things about you, and in their effort to ridicule you to scorn, they may tell lies about you to discredit your faith. Do not worry if this should occur, but rather be happy about it.
12. You are not interested in good treatment at the hands of these people, for in Heaven all of this will be made right. And if you are persecuted, remember that this fact places you in the category of the old prophets, because these same injustices were inflicted upon them.
13. Your position in the world may be compared to that of common table salt. If salt becomes stale and loses the quality of saltiness, the only thing to do is to throw it in the dustbin and let the PWD take it away.
14. Your contribution to the world is like the influence of light. At night, you can see the cities which are built on hill tops, by the lights that shine out in the darkness.
15. In the same way, people use lights to illuminate their homes at night; they do not burn lights in places where no one needs them in order to see.
16. So you must use your own ability and your own intelligence in great causes which will enable you to exercise a good influence before other people, so that they may be encouraged by what you do and may also seek to follow in God's holy way.

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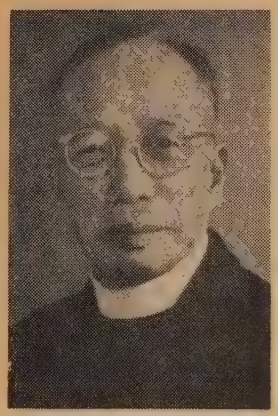
Retirement? Not yet for Shih Yu Shou!



The Rev. Shih Yu Shou

SENIOR PASTORS SERIES

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Another veteran of the Cross who "refuses to quit" is the Rev. Shih Yu Shou. Granted the retired relationship at the recent session of the Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference in Kuala Lumpur, this minister simply moved from Sitiawan to Tangkak, in the Malacca area, where he is supply pastor of the Chinese Church.

It was a significant occasion when the Simpang Ampat Church, where Brother Shih has served most recently, honoured him at a farewell party on February 3. The occasion was meaningful particularly because it climaxed a ministry of forty years in the service of His Master through The Methodist Church.

Pastor Shih first came to Malaya in 1912 and was sent to Kampong Koh, Sitiawan. The following year, Bishop J. E. Robinson appointed him to teach in Anglo-Chinese School, Sitiawan, in addition to regular church work as Sunday School superintendent and Local Preacher.

Five mission public schools sprang up in Sitiawan, and Brother Shih worked with the Revs. Hong Pau Seng, Ding Hieng Ng'nog, Charles E. Draper, and R. H. Silverthorn to organise them. Dr. W. G. Shellabear, as District Superintendent, appointed him to be school superintendent for these mission institutions and to hold examinations in Sitiawan circles.

Bishop G. H. Bickley in 1921 assigned Brother Shih to the pastorate of Ayer Tawar and Second Road Churches, with the Rev. William E. Horley as District Superintendent. Meanwhile, his ordination as Deacon was effected by Bishop J. W. Robinson and he was ordained Elder by Bishop Titus Lowe.

The record of Brother Shih's service in the years that have followed is that of one who has given of his energy and ability in the humble places and to the glory of God. His stations have included Beting Luas, Kampong Bharu, Lumut, Simpang Ampat, Second Road, and Bruas. He has built schools, churches, and parsonages. He will be remembered for his devotion to his own people and for his loyalty to the Christian Gospel.

Born in 1882 in Luntieng, Fukien, Province, China, Brother Shih was the son of a wealthy and influential Buddhist family. As was customary in wealthy families during the Manchu Dynasty, young Yu Shou was taught by tutors at home and they were men who were greatly honoured and respected. This traditional Chinese respect for education was instilled into the boy as his teachers came daily to the home.

Wishing to receive an education in the new system, to know more of the outside world, and to attain a Manchu Government academic degree, Brother Shih entered Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow, and here began his connection with the Methodist Mission. Because of the Boxer Rebellion, his education was interrupted and he was forced to return to Luntieng in 1900. There he enrolled in Luntieng Poi Gnog College, where English was a part of the curriculum. Graduation followed in 1904.

It was in Foochow that he first heard the story of Jesus Christ. Greatly impressed by the message of the Gospel, he professed a deep interest in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world and as the Redeemer of mankind. Daily chapel services at Foochow began with roll call and Bible readings, and Bible study was a regular subject in the time-table. Brother Shih became a Christian in 1904 and united with the Church. His family, notwithstanding their Buddhist steadfastness, raised no objection to this decision of his.

Once again, Brother Shih, now a believer, turned to Foochow and the Anglo-Chinese College. Family mis-

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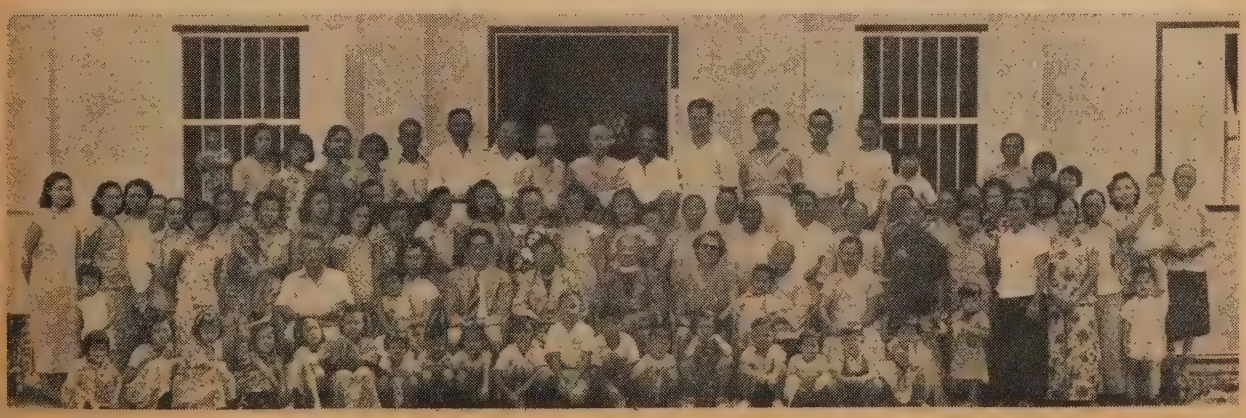
Members of the Simpang Ampat Church, Perak, honoured their pastor, the Rev. Shih Yu Shou on Sunday, February 3, as he retired after more than forty years' ministerial service in The Methoodist Church.



HOW GOES OUR WORLD SERVICE?

As of April 4, only nine churches in the Malaya Annual Conference had remitted offerings for the Week of Dedication, which was observed February 10—16. Total contributions: $1106.47.

This represents a decrease from last year's showing, when 22 churches observed the Week and offerings totalled $1794.66. Pastors who have not reported observances and have not sent in money received are urged to do so promptly.

The Commission on World Service and Finance, in a post-Conference session, has voted to increase the per capita asking for benevolences to $5.50 instead of $5.00 as announced in Kuala Lumpur at Conference time, because of the addition of two items.

The Conference "decided to increase the amount to be raised for Conference Claimants to $5,000," says the the Commission chairman, the Rev. R. A. Blasdell. "The Budget presented by the Commission called for only $3,000. The other item was for the Bible Societies, for which no amount was entered in the Budget because of a letter from the Singapore office of the Societies which was later read and discussed at length by the Conference. It was finally decided to raise $1,200 for this cause."

Here is the revised budget for 1952:

Episcopal Fund	$ 2,500.	6 %
District Superintendents' Expenses	10,380.	25 %
Conference Claimants	5,000.	12 %
Supply Pastors/Widows Retirement Fund	1,620.	4 %
Annual Conference Expenses	5,500.	13 %
Central Conference Expenses	1,500.	3 %
General Conference Expenses	500.	1 %
Board of Home Missions	7,800.	19 %
Trinity College	2,500.	6 %
Pastors' Leave Fund	1,000.	3 %
Homes and Boarding Schools	1,000.	3 %
Advance for Christ and His Church	400.	1 %
Malayan Christian Council	400.	1 %
Bible Societies in Malaya	1,200.	3 %
TOTAL	$41,300.	100 %

The Rev. Ong Chaik Ghee, Conference Treasurer. reports that the $33,870.53 received for Conference causes in 1951 was distributed in this manner:

Episcopal Fund	$ 2,408.00
District Superintendents Expenses	5,453.13
Conference Claimants	2,870.00
Supply Pastors/Widows Retirement Fund	1,207.00
Annual Conference Expenses	5,026.00
Central Conference Expenses	1,250.00
General Conference Expenses	315.00
Board of Home Missions	5,478.30
Trinity College	1,174.00
Pastors' Leave Fund	980.00
Homes and Boarding Schools	854.00
Bible Societies in Malaya	410.00
Advance for Christ and His Church	410.00
Malayan Christian Council	410.00
WSCS General Expenses	222.00
Ipoh Tamil Settlement	499.00
Bible Women	569.10
Support to Sibu District Superintendents by Sibu Churches	3,960.00
Pastors' Pool Fund	375.00
TOTAL	$ 33,870.53

Mr. Ong says: "It is suggested that each church start to send in its quota to the Conference Treasurer now. It is preferable that the money when sent in be undesignated to enable the Conference Treasurer to apportion the same according to percentages shown above."

A Methodist View of Gambling

(Prepared by the Committee on Christian Literature)

What has the Methodist to do with gambling? In one sense the answer must be "Nothing." The Methodist must never have anything to do with gambling in any form through participation in it. In another sense, however, he should interest himself increasingly in gambling. To oppose it, to eliminate it, to free addicts from its grip, the Methodist must work unceasingly. To do this he needs to keep himself informed about it.

Gambling may be broadly defined as playing at games of chance or wagering on some fortuitous event for money or money's worth. A fortuitous event is one the outcome of which cannot be known before but depends on chance or accident. Reason does not enter into gambling, skill may play a minor part, but the principal factor determining the player's success is chance or luck. From the Christian point of view, chance or luck is undesirable as a basis of human conduct, for the Christian places his trust in God.

Human activities may be summarized under four heads: business, charity, pleasure, crime. Business is the exchange of commodities or services for profit. For instance, goods may be exchanged for goods or money of equivalent value, or labour may be exchanged for something of equivalent value on the business level. Charity is the transfer of commodities or services to the destitute without profit. Pleasure is the expenditure of energy or wealth for mere gratification without regard to permanent benefit or profit. Crime is getting profit without rendering adequate service or commodity, as in theft or embezzlement.

It is not difficult to find the place of gambling in the above classification. It is a crime and has been so considered by courts of law for centuries. The gambler hopes to get not only something, but frequently fabulous amounts, for nothing of equivalent value given by him. Not only is gambling considered a crime, but the courts also cannot be used to collect gambling debts.

Many activities are carried on under the name of "gambling," such as "betting," on races, games, etc., "sweepstakes," and so-called "parlour-games" played for money. The Methodist Church believes that all such gambling is wrong and thus warns its members: "Gambling is a menace to business integrity and is destructive of the interests of good government." A further word used in another setting but very applicable to gambling is: "Protection of its citizens is the function of the State. It is intolerable that any government, through participation in revenues, should be a party to a business which thrives upon the physical, social, moral, and spiritual decay of the people." (Discipline, 1948, Par. 2022).

Why does the Methodist Church believe gambling to be wrong? This question might be answered at length, but here there is space to list only a few reasons:

(1). It is wrong ethically. Some say, "Gambling is all right so long as a man does not bet more than he can afford to lose." According to this argument, the rightness in gambling is in winning and the wrongness is in losing: whereas the rightness or the wrongness should be judged on the basis of the maintenance of moral integrity. Moral integrity is impossible in gambling since something of great value is received for nothing of similar value in exchange. In other words, a man who wins a bet or draws a lucky lottery ticket has no moral right to the money involved as he has given nothing of like value in exchange. (It will be noted that gifts of charity lie in an altogether different field, as such gifts are offered on the basis of need or destitution, and the person receiving such gifts need feel no moral shame even though he is unable to give anything of equal value in exchange).

(2) Gambling is socially wrong. It draws a distinction between the rich and the poor, allowing an act as permissible to the rich, but looking with disfavour upon the same act when done by the poor, merely because the poor cannot afford to lose. Thus the solidarity of the community is destroyed by division into two groups—the rich who do not need the possible winnings, and the poor who definitely cannot afford to lose their savings in gambling.

Furthermore, in gambling, pleasure is obtained for the few at the cost of pain for the many. This is not conducive to social harmony. It dulls the sympathies, cultivates selfishness, and undermines character. In an atmosphere of brotherhood, no form of gambling could exist. The appeal to chance or luck disregards the nobler qualities of man—reason, skill, the sense of justice, and responsibility. The Christian says, "I am my brother's keeper."

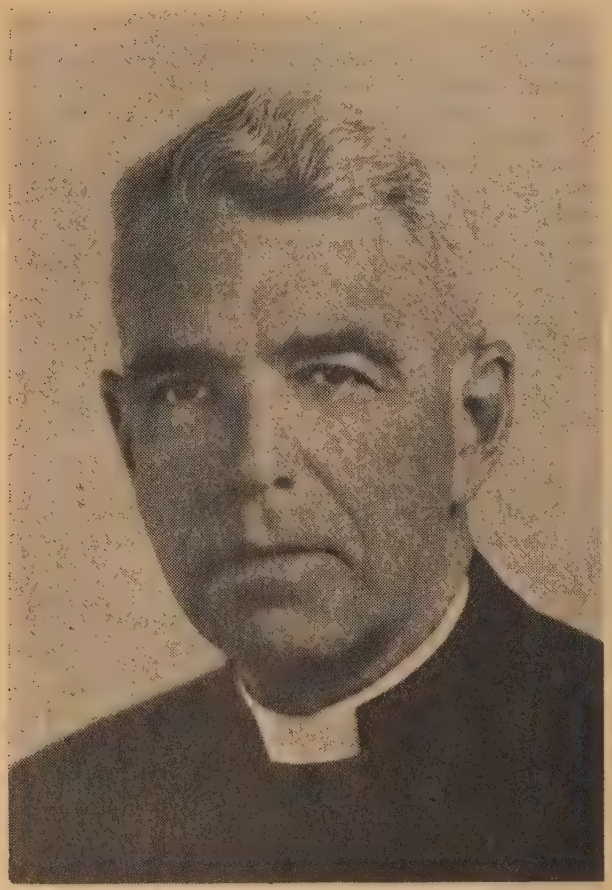
(3) Gambling is wrong economically. Business depends upon integrity, reason, skill, and the minimum of chance. In gambling none of these factors is present in any appreciable degree except chance. Business based principally on chance could not long endure.

Further, gambling saps the earnings of the poor and makes that much less money available for purchasing goods which business produces. Thus fewer goods are consumed, and this leads to reduced production and the consequent reduction of employment. This is bad for business.

Another consideration is the over absorption of working people in the results of gambling projects. It is felt by many business people that offices might almost as well be closed on the days of races because of the interest of clerks in the results of the races. On the whole, business people do not look favourably on gambling.

(4) Gambling is wrong religiously. Christians view God as the owner of goods and themselves only as stewards who hold goods in trust. Christians must use the goods entrusted to them in accordance with the will of God. Certainly it is not the will of God to use His goods to

BISHOP FRED PIERCE CORSON
New President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church



The Council of Bishops, meeting in San Francisco, April 14-20, chose Bishop Corson to succeed Bishop Arthur J. Moore at the helm of the Council. The new President has been Resident Bishop of the Philadelphia Area since his election to the episcopacy in 1944. For ten years, 1934-1944, he was president of Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Ordained in 1919, he served as pastor and district superintendent in the New York East Conference. He heads the Board of Education of The Methodist Church and was an official visitor in China, Japan, and the Philippines in 1948.

BISHOP MOORE NARROWLY ESCAPES CRASH

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, official visitor to Southeast Asia in 1949 and 1950, was a passenger in an airliner which made an emergency landing after losing a flaming motor over the state of Kansas, March 27. The airplane burst into flames soon after landing, but Bishop Moore and all other passengers were saved.

This news was conveyed to *The Malaysia Message* in a letter written by Bishop Raymond L. Archer on March 29. He says:

"Just now I am in Colorado Springs attending the Conference on Mission Policy. The conference continues until April 4. All the foreign Bishops are here and some of the local Bishops. The conference began March 23. There are about 150 delegates altogether. A serious study is being made of the work in various fields in the hope that a findings committee may bring in proposals regarding the best policy to follow as we plan for the future in mission work.

"Bishop Arthur J. Moore has been serving as Chairman of the Conference. He left here by plane Thursday for Atlanta. While flying over Kansas one of the motors caught fire and the pilot was able to put the plane down in a wheat field. The burning motor dropped off before the plane landed. The passengers, 27 of them and the crew, got out of the plane which soon was a mass of flames, with only one person being injured. Bishop Moore was unhurt, though he lost his bags. All the baggage was burned."

Bishop Archer sends greetings from himself and Mrs. Archer. Their arrival in Los Angeles, March 16, followed a "very smooth and pleasant" trip across the Pacific Ocean. The Bishop's American address is c/o Mr. J. J. Deller, 8966 Eastwood Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania. The Archers expect to sail from New York for Singapore about August 1.

Bishop Archer is hopeful that the Board of Missions will be able to send out workers for the new villages in Malaya. "A good bit of interest is being manifest in the subject," he writes. "I think it would be well if our workers could be located in the camps..... I have also had further word from Sir Gerald Templer on the subject since arriving here."

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injure others and debase our own nature.

Again, the Methodist looks upon himself as bearing responsibility for the welfare of other human beings. Hence, he ought not to look with approval on any act which he knows will work injury to others by taking from them money which they cannot afford to give and he does not need.

Methodists should become alive to the moral and religious dangers in gambling. It hardens the heart toward the suffering of others, it destroys the sense of responsibility toward the welfare of others, and it undermines the whole Christian conception of stewardship. Further, it blunts the conscience, rendering it more difficult to discern between right and wrong. Finally it greatly increases unhappiness in human society while we should work for the increase of happiness. Let us make our opposition to gambling effective (1) by refusing to participate in it in any way ourselves, (2) in lending to others the weight of our influence against it, and (3) in devising means to substitute other activities which will provide the factors at present most attractive in gambling. (Copies of this article in pamphlet form as well as the tract, "Why I Quit Gambling," may be obtained from the Rev. R. A. Blasdell, Secretary, Committee on Christian Literature, Malaya Annual Conference, 5 Mount Sophia, Singapore 9.)

AROUND THE MAP

SOUTHERN MALAYA DISTRICT

Wesley Church, Singapore, Welcomes New Pastor

The Rev. and Mrs. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., Judy, and "Didi," are now residing at Wesley Manse, 5 Fort Canning Road, where Mr. Jones has taken up his duties as pastor of Wesley Church. The Rev. Theodore Runyan, his predecessor, is now principal of Trinity College and superintendent of Southern Malaya District.

At the morning service of worship on Sunday, April 6, Mr. Jones preached his first sermon in Singapore and, with Mr. Runyan, administered Holy Communion. When he preached again the same evening, the Church was filled and extra seats had to be provided.

The New Parsonage Family at Wesley Church, Singapore

A reception was held to welcome the new pastor and his family, the same evening, following the church service, in Wesley Hall. Mr. Edwin Carlos, lay leader, and Captain C. G. E. Hare, choir director, conducted the proceedings which included musical items and speeches. Mr. Runyan introduced the guests of honour and leaders of the various organisations at Wesley were introduced to them. Some excellent refreshments were then served by the WSCS.

The consensus of opinion here is that Singapore is most fortunate to have the Rev. and Mrs. Tracey Jones. Wesleyans look forward to their leadership and to many happy days of fruitful service for the Master. Of quiet, unassuming and friendly dispositions, they have impressed all who have met them for the first time.

Malacca

Wesley Church is now holding its Sunday services in the Methodist Girls' School Hall, at Bickley Park, instead of at the old building on Kubu Road. Attendance has increased, probably because the quietness of the site is more conducive to the spirit of worship. It is more convenient for most of the members, especially for the girls at Shellabear Hall.

On Palm Sunday, April 6, five children and two adults were baptized and eight young people were received into full membership of Wesley Church.

CENTRAL MALAYA DISTRICT

"Youth for Christ" Week was held April 1—3 in the Methodist schools in the Kuala Lumpur area. Speaker for the chapel services in the various schools was the Rev. Robert F. Lundy of Klang.

The schedule for the morning programme began with a service and discussion period at Methodist Girls' School, Young Road. Then came two addresses at Methodist Boys' School, one for Standards VIII and Senior, and the other for Standards VI and VII. Daily appearances at Sentul Methodist Boys' School came at 12:50 p.m.

Each afternoon a combined service for upper standards in Methodist Afternoon School, Kuala Lumpur, and Methodist Girls' Continuation School, was held at Wesley Church, the girls commuting by chartered bus.

The Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann. Jr., who organised the services, distributed questionnaires on the final day to all students to determine how many Christians are in these schools, how many students are interested in becoming Christians, and how many would desire to join discussion groups on religious problems. These groups will be formed early in the second term and reports indicate students will participate in them in large numbers.

The Cambridge examination results for Methodist Girls' School, Kuala Lumpur, show that the following girls have been successful candidates:

Grade I: Lily Tan, Chan Mee Kiaw, Florence Kong. Chung Kean Kue, Khoo Kheng See, Ong Kiok Kim.

Grade II: Au Yong Moh Cheng, Cheah Siew Chun, T. Sathiavathy, Leong Ah Hoe, Lim Soe Har.

Grade III: Ho Ho Woon, Ho Kam Lin, Lee Nget Chin, Nancy Yeo, Saw Foong Peng, R. Saraswathy, Lee Yuet Seong.

News has been received of the death in Ceylon of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Rasaratnam. Mrs. Rasaratnam formerly was a member of the staff at Methodist Girls' Junior School, Kuala Lumpur.

Two staff members at Methodist Girls' School are receiving congratulations on new additions to their families. Mrs. Habberton is the mother of a young son, while a daughter has been born to Mrs. Deng.

NORTHERN MALAYA DISTRICT

Accent on Home Missions

Taking advantage of the visit of the Rev. Burr H. Baughman, promotional secretary of the Board of Home Missions. the various churches. MYF groups, schools, and Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the District arranged for special meetings with the accent on Home Missions. Mr. Baughman addressed a gathering at Alor Star on March 6, spoke to the Taiping MYF on March 8, and preached in all three Methodist Churches in Penang, Sunday, March 9.

The next day, at a Rally sponsored by the four MYF chapters in Penang, Mr. Baughman was the guest speaker. Unexhausted, the Borneo visitor then regaled our church women in Penang at a united WSCS meeting on March 11 with amusing stories of the superstitious Dyaks.

Musical Concert Aids Building Fund

The Wu sisters, Mee Chee and Keng Chee, were showered with bouquets after the final performance at a concert they had organised in the spacious Anglo-Chinese Hall, Pykett Avenue, Penang, on February 20.

Other artistes included Miss Lilian Ng, Mr. C. P. Purcell, Senior Inspector of Schools, Messrs. Khoo Hun Kok and J. S. Price.

Artistes at Penang concert: Miss Lilian Ng and the Wu sisters, Mee Chee and Keng Chee.

Highlights of the programme were a Mozart Sonata for two pianos, songs in Italian and English by Miss Keng Chee, a violincello solo, and other instrumental solos. A brilliant pianoforte quintet brought the concert to a close.

The concert added $1,500 to the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School Building Fund.

Combined Service of Dedication.

On February 10, the Rev. Kjell C. Knutsen installed officials of the Sunday School, MYF, and WSCS at a combined dedication service in Taiping.

Many churches still have separate installation services for the various organisations. A combined service like this helps to emphasize the need for inter-group cooperation and coordination.

Scandinavian Bishop in Taiping

Bishop Theodor Arvidson of the Stockholm Area visited Taiping on March 5 and preached at a special midweek service at Wesley Church. The Bishop was later entertained at a Norwegian supper by the Rev. and Mrs. Kjell C. Knutsen.

Old Girls Farewell Miss Olson

Former students of Lady Treacher Girls' School from Penang and all over Perak came to a farewell tea for Miss Della Olson on March 15. Mrs. G. Jeyamoney presented Miss Olson with a gift from the Old Girls' Association.

The Wesley Church, Taiping, honoured Miss Olson at a tea-party on March 31 in LTGS Music Room. Mr. Knutsen presided and speeches were made by Mrs. Jeyamoney, for the Sunday School; Mr. K. C. Yeoh, for the MYF; and Mr. D. G. Jeyasekara, for the Official Board.

PERAK DISTRICT

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During the year 1951, thirty-three Sunday School sessions were held and were attended by an average of 200 children. The children were divided into ten classes and fifteen of the Christian teachers in the Anglo-Chinese School rendered service by conducting these classes. Several religious films were shown during the year. In October, the Rev. J. H. Haines gave a series of talks to students of the upper classes. As a result about 100 students made covenants either "To commit my life to Him and make His way of life mine" or "To know more about the Christian way of life." Since then, several have accepted Christ and were baptized on Christmas Day.

Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, ACS Principal; is in charge of the Preparatory Class made up of 40 students. Another 60 students, who made the second covenant, are divided into three classes under three Christian teachers.

Sunday School membership is growing and the enrollment is 320. With God's blessing, we hope that more children will be led to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Senior Cambridge results for Anglo-Chinese School for 1951 were extremely satisfactory. and there was much rejoicing in the School. Of the nineteen candidates presented, eighteen passed, obtaining the following grades: Grade I—six; Grade II—eight; Grade III—four. Congratulations to the successful candidates and the Principal and Staff for the good results.

Three missionaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service who will be on leave this year. Miss C. Lois Rea, left, sailed for the United States on February 1 and has retired. Miss Della Olson, center, departed from Taiping on April 23 for furlough. Miss Mechteld Dirksen, right, is scheduled to leave Sitiawan later this year for regular furlough in her homeland.

Ipoh.

Mr. Ng Tuck Wai, who last year joined the Rev. Burr H. Baughman in work at Kapit, Sarawak, paid a short visit to his home town, Ipoh, in February, and received a warm welcome from our church groups and particularly the Methodist Youth Fellowships. Speaking at the evening service at Wesley Church, March 9, Mr. Ng described the work being done in the Kapit area were there are plans for building a School, to cost $30,000, to meet the growing needs of the area. Mr. Ng also addressed the Woman's Society of Christian Service on March 11.

MALAYSIA CHINESE CONFERENCE

Sitiawan District Evangelistic Board

The Rev. Tiang Cu Gi, chairman of this Board, together with the co-workers in the District, have launched a vigorous evangelistic programme among the resettlement people. An evangelistic service is being held weekly and all the co-workers in the District take the services in rotation.

Penang District Methodist Workers' Group

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth, the pastors and workers of Penang meet monthly at the Wesley Manse together with the Principals of the Methodist schools. The object of this group is to meet in Christian fellowship and prayer, and to encourage free discussion confronting the problems which arise from church and school work. A United Communion service was held on Good Friday at the Chinese Church in Madras Lane. On Easter there was a United Sunrise Service at Wesley Church at 6:30 a.m. when a united choir of all the Methodist churches sang the Easter anthem.

MALAYA IN THE MAGAZINES

Recent issues of publications of The Methodist Church, put out in the United States, have featured aspects of the work of the Church in Malaya.

World Outlook, in its February number, carries an article by the Rev. J. Harry Haines, of Ipoh, entitled "Among Malaya's Squatters," "a firsthand report of the new opportunities of Christian missionaries among the half million Chinese squatters in Malaya." Appearing in pages 15-18, the account is profusely illustrated and presents a realistic picture of the needs of people in the new villages.

The Methodist Woman in the February issue also has an article by Mr. Haines in which the three predominant racial groups in Malaya are characterized and with the conclusion, "Christian answers can be found to Malaya's problems, for it is only the kingdom of God which recognizes no racial or national boundaries." On the same page is a story by Miss Louise Robinson concerning "Four Women Pastors in Malaya." These are Miss Tan, of South Central District; Miss Ang, of Raub; Miss Lim, of Alor Star; and Miss Fang, of Telok Ayer Church, Singapore.

Earlier, *The Christian Advocate* published Mr. Haines' story, "Behind the Malayan Dilemma" (November 8, 1951), and *Concern,* newspaper of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, in one of its issues ran a picture of the MYF cabinet at Wesley Church, Ipoh.

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objects of their service, as a means whereby the Christian movement may be successful. The Apostle John, is his first epistle (4:20), says that only those who love their fellowmen can really love God. If lack of genuine love of our neighbour keeps us from the most effective service, shall we not ask God to renew within us a right spirit toward others?

We have just celebrated Easter, the festival. not only of the risen Christ, but also of the living Christ. If He lives also in us, the right spirit for which the Psalmist prayed will have been renewed in us.

More on
SHIH YU SHOU

fortune caused a new cessation of his quest for learning and he taught in Luntieng's Ing Mee Middle School for the next four years. He also served as an officer in the anti-opium campaign.

In 1908 Brother Shih was granted a Local Preacher's licence. Leaving China in 1911, he spent a year in Solo, Java, as teacher in a large Chinese school, before coming in 1912 to Sitiawan.

His family life has been a happy one. He and Mrs. Shih were blessed with a son, who is now a physician on the staff of Foochow Hospital, China, and a daughter, who graduated from Eveland Seminary (forerunner of Trinity College), is a normal-trained teacher on the staff of Anglo-Chinese School, Sitiawan.

Now that he has reached the Biblical "three score and ten years," it seems quite probable that "by reason of strength" Brother Shih Yu Shou has a further contribution to make in the sunset years of his career. May God grant him that strength.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

M. B. E. for two Methodist laymen

Helen M. Loomis

Mr. Homer Cheng Hui Ming, M.B.E.

Mr. Yap Pheng Geck, M.B.E.

Mr. Homer Cheng Hui Ming and Mr. Yap Pheng Geck, two prominent Methodist laymen, were among the men and women to receive honours as announced the first of this year. Both Mr. Yap and Mr. Cheng received the order of Member of the British Empire.

Mr. Cheng, who was a delegate to General Conference in 1948, has long taken active leadership in the Malaysia Chinese Conference. He is lay leader of that Conference, a member of the Singapore Foochow Church and was secretary of that Church from 1927 to 1948. He is now President of the Benevolence Society of the Chinese Conference. The growing membership of this Society, which now numbers five thousand, provides help for the church and death benefits in an insurance system which costs each member one dollar per month.

Through the years Mr. Cheng has been active in young people's work, first as a member of the Epworth League and more recently as an adult leader with young people in the MYF. Through his interest in young people, Mr. Cheng became interested in the work of the YMCA. Realizing that some way must be found to take boys and young men off the streets, he became one of the founders of the Chinese YMCA of Singapore. At present he is interested in the unification of the YMCA in Malaya. He is president of the Singapore Chinese YMCA.

Since 1946 Mr. Cheng has been Chinese Assistant to the Secretary of Chinese Affairs in Singapore, a position which enables him to know and be of service to countless people in all walks of life.

Mr. Cheng came to Singapore from Foochow in 1927. He and Mrs. Cheng are both third generation Christians and Methodists, their grandparents being among the very first converts in Foochow.

Mr. Yap Pheng Geck, member of the Municipal Commission of Singapore, is a well-known layman in the Malaya Annual Conference. He is treasurer of the Straits Chinese Church at Kampong Kapor, with which he has been associated for many years. As a young man, he was active in the Epworth League, forerunner of the MYF, and for the one year it was in existence he was editor of the *Malayan Epworthian*. He was for a number of years superintendent of the Kampong Kapor Sunday School.

Mr. Yap has come into prominence through his participation in the public life of Singapore. He has been a nominated member of the Municipal Commission since 1938. He is a forceful public speaker, a champion of the rights of the ordinary man, and a strong fighter against injustice. For more than twenty years he has been a commissioned officer in the Singapore Volunteer Force. He has represented Singapore at a number of conferences of ECAFE and ILO and has taken a prominent part in these conferences.

Mr. Yap is a prominent Rotarian and has been active in the charitable projects for which Rotary International has been responsible in Singapore. Among the more recent projects is the raising of funds for a hall in the Leper Colony. He is connected with Sze Hai Tong Banking and Insurance Company.

Mr. Paul Wiant, Mission Architect, arrived by air in Singapore on Wednesday, April 9, and has entered upon his new duties in Southestern Asia. He had been on special work in Africa since leaving New York earlier in the year. Following a long period of service as an architect attached to the Methodist Church in China, Mr. Wiant returned to America last year. Mrs. Wiant was fatally injured in a motor car accident during the furlough time. The new staff member is occupying office space at Methodist Headquarters in Singapore.

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Miss Della Olson left Penang on home leave, April 28, aboard the steamship "FERNSTREAM". This steamer calls at Colombo and Port Said, before crossing the Atlantic Ocean to Boston and New York City. Miss Olson will be living at her family home in Viroqua, Wisconsin. She began her missionary career at Singapore's Short Street Girls' School in 1918. Since that time she has rendered unusually effective service first at Malacca and, since 1935, at Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping.

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From Delhi, **the Rev. Henry V. Lacy** wrote on March 28: "Am just about to leave for Agra and the Taj Mahal....My trip thus far has been wonderful and I have seen a lot of India in the twelve days I have been here. Folks in Malaya have so many things that these folks in India don't have that they should count their many blessings. I do not sail from Bombay until April 4 — eight days late. It is shortening my time in Europe but gave me additional time here which I thought I had lost when my boat was nine days late getting to Calcutta."

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With the death of Mrs. Fang Pau Seng, grandmother of the Rev. M. T. Fang, of Penang, on March 17 in Sitiawan, the Sitiawan District has lost one of its early pioneer Christians. Her husband was one of the early pastors from the Foochow Conference appointed to establish Methodist work in Kampong Koh, Sitiawan, in 1912, together with 200 souls from Foochow who settled and planted rubber in the District.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Fang were conducted by the Rev. John Chua, assisted by the Revs. Shih Yu Shou, Tiang Cu Gi, Gong Hock Ming, and Peter Chen, ministers of the various churches in Sitiawan. Miss Marian Holmes played the organ at the memorial service. A very large congregation, including children from the various Chinese schools, was in attendance. The Nan Hua High School band, Sitiawan, played the funeral march. The family and friends donated $500 to the Penang Chinese Church Religious Education Building Fund, as a memorial.

Surviving are three daughters, Dr. Sarah Fang of Formosa, Fang Siok King and Fang Sioh Hing, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fang Chao Yung, and a host of relatives and grandchildren.

Among the 78 young people who were commissioned as missionaries and deaconesses of The Methodist Church, January 18, at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., were the following workers who are related to Methodism in Southeastern Asia:

Miss Aileen Mabel Mitchell, Ava, Missouri, who completed a special term in Singapore last June, was commissioned a regular missionary. She plans to return to Malaya following completion of her Master's degree at Northwestern University.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin William Shields, Meridian, Mississippi, who will sail for Burma in July of this year. Both are graduates of Mississippi State College and Mrs. Shields has studied also at Southern Methodist University and Scarritt College. This couple is now taking special training at Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut. They will engage in educational work in Burma.

The Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Brush, Chicago, Illinois who will do educational work in Pakistan. Mrs. Brush is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hobart B. Amstutz and met her husband at Woodstock School in India when both were students there.

Of the total of 78 commissioned by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, 62 will serve in foreign fields. Forty-nine of the 62 will work under the Division of Foreign Missions and 13 with the Woman's Division.

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News of the two sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Blasdell indicates that both are budding scientists.

Francis Shellabear Blasdell is now working in Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Incorporated, in Rochester, New York. He has responsibility in the Osteology and Preserved Materials Departments. This establishment prepares specimens for universities and high schools through out the United States. Francis was especially happy when a consignment of monkeys arrived from Middle Road, Singapore.

Robert Ferris Blasdell graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in June, 1951, and has been studying for the Master of Arts degree in Botany at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He has now been called into military service, having been in the Naval Reserve for four years, and is at the Naval Training Camp in Bainbridge, Maryland.

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Miss Fae Straley, Principal of Methodist Girls' School in Klang, was ill with dengue fever from March 27 until the end of the first school term, but was well enough to direct an Easter play, "The Light in the Window, at Wesley Church, Klang, April 13.

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Helen M. Loomis

Chinese Church, Kampar

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, under the leadership of Mrs. Teh Siew Eng, president, sponsored a successful cinema show on last December 22 and raised $410 after deducting entertainment tax. Thanks are due the Principal of Anglo-Chinese School, Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy, for the use of the School hall, the cineprojector together with several reels of religious films, and the band of able workers who contributed so much of their time to make the campaign a success.

On Christmas Day, the WSCS entertained the congregation of over 200 to a cake and ice-cream party after the service. The orphans of the Perak Children's Home were not forgotten and the Church sent apples to the Home to add to the Christmas cheer of the youngsters.

Chinese Conference WSCS

Miss Fang Cie Geok is the president of the WSCS in the Chinese Conference for 1952. Vice-president is Mrs. Tan Ho Seok Hong, while Tan Pek Geok is treasurer and Mrs. Tan Yap Ting Wai serves as treasurer. Secretaries of various departments are: spiritual life, Lim Swee Beng; evangelism, Ang Saw Hwa; social relations, Hong Soong Hwa; literature, Ng Kuan Eng. Counsellors are Mrs. Raymond L. Archer, Miss Norma Craven, and Mrs. Fang Ming Teh.

Meditation

Advance, O Church of God, advance!
We dare not longer wait
To share our Christ with all the world.
It is already late!

—GARLAND EVANS HOPKINS

Jesus is our guide and leader. He said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." We echo his words, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh, when no man work." Sometimes it seems that the shadows are lengthening rapidly. In times of discouragement, we recall Jesus' reassuring, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do . . ." We can never fail so long as we are *fellow workers with God!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN W.S.C.S.

One Sunday in May will be W.S.C.S. Day in many churches in Malaya. On the Conference Calendar, May 11th is set aside to acquaint the membership of the church with the work of the W.S.C.S. in the local church and in the conference and among the Dyaks in Sarawak, Borneo. Since May 11th is Mother's Day, some churches will honour mothers and at the same time emphasise the work of women in the church through the Woman's Society. Other churches, like Kuala Lumpur Wesley, have set the date ahead to May 18th. What is your church doing?

What Can W.S.C.S. Mean to Your Church?

"The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all the women of the Church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will stengthen the local church, improve civic, community and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community."

Even as the quadrennium closes with General Conference meeting in California, women in Malaya are reaffirming their support of the Church and the W.S.C.S. by again emphasising the aims, *every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and every Methodist woman studying, giving, building and praying for a world Christian community.* Women in Malaya have a large task for many women in our churches are not active members of the society. How shall we reach these women? First, let us spend the time and effort necessary to invite them to become members. Ask them again and again, at church and in their homes. Then give each of them something to do. Let them know that they are needed.

Recently, women of Malaya studied "Our Neighbors in Resettlement Areas." Funds are being raised and local church groups are carrying on work among people in hospitals, for the poor; they conduct study classes for their members and others; they take responsibility for repair and refurnishing of churches and parsonages; they raise funds for a large share of the support of the local church. At the same time they develop their spiritual life and learn more of the work of the church in Southeastern Asia and throughout the world through the monthly programmes.

The Projects

Interest women and others in the church in the work which is supported by the W.S.C.S. in Malaya. At the annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur, the women decided to increase their giving to W.S.C.S. projects from $8,000 to $12,400. This is a large increase. This means more than finding more money for Home Missions, Women Evangelistic Workers (Bible Women), Shellabear

Hall, Ipoh Tamil Settlement and Trinity College! This means that members of the W.S.C.S. must increase their sense of responsibility for the work of Christ which is carried on through their projects. With increased interest and sense of responsibility will come the necessary means to build better and more deeply the Kingdom of God in Malaya and Southeast Asia.

Home Missions. The largest gifts of women in Malaya go to the support of mission work among the Dyaks in Sarawak, Borneo. The story of this work reads like the history of early pioneer missionary work among the most primitive peoples. With the Dyaks every phase of missionary effort is new and results are almost startling. Recently with the arrival in Borneo of Tom and Jeannie Harris, an agricultural training centre and school are being established at Nanga Mujong. Individual societies are being asked to raise money to meet some of the many needs, for seed, chemicals, fertilizer, tools, equipment. Any amount from $30 to $300, or more, can be used to help in this new project.

Women Evangelistic Workers. Women working in local churches receive very low salaries and have poor housing. Women of the W.S.C.S. have as their purpose the improvement of the living conditions of these women who take so important a part in the evangelism of the people and the building of the church.

Shellabear Hall, Malacca plays an important role in carrying out the W.S.C.S. purpose of developing and supporting "Christian work among women and children around the world." Here little girls who would not have a home otherwise and who could not go to school in any other way are enabled to live healthy and happy lives in a Christian atmosphere and under Christian leadership.

Tamil Settlement, Ipoh. This is the dream project of the W.S.C.S and the dream can become a reality only through increased interest and support. Someday leaders for the Tamil Church will be trained and have their preliminary experience in this centre which already has a church and a school. Already women's work and some social service activities have been started.

Trinity College, in which Methodists cooperate with Anglicans and English Presbyterians in the training of church leadership—pastors, workers in religious education, kindergarten teacher and helpers—needs the support of Methodist women. Help is needed in finding a limited number of outstanding students who want to prepare for fulltime Christian work and scholarships are needed for worthy students.

More than all the W.S.C.S. desires to help build the Methodist Church in Malaya that it may have unquestioned spiritual leadership and that all its membership may be true followers of Jesus Christ.

MYF

Peter Lim

Christ Above All At Sentul

Charged by the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., to uphold the MYF motto, "Christ Above All", the cabinet of the Fellowship at Sentul was installed on March 9, at Methodist Tamil Church, Sentul.

Mr. Teilmann explained the responsibility of each officer and asked that each carry out his duty efficiently in the fulfilling of the purpose of the installation.

William David is the president and A. G. Lee is vice-president. The secretary is Low Hun Khing, with Vaidyanathan as assistant. Miss Mary Verghese and Moses David are treasurer and assistatn treasurer, respectively.

Chairmen and assistant chairmen of the four commissions are: worship and evanglism, Victor David, Puvirasa; world friendship, Vadiveloo, Miss S. Verghese; community service, Miss B. Oswald, P. K. Yehgaparam; recreation and culture, Foo Hon Ngoon, Miss T. Verghese.

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Tan Teik Hock Re-Elected at Penang

Tan Teik Hock was again chosen president of Wesley MYF in Penang at the general meeting of he group held on January 13. Miss Lee Chye Hooi led a short but impressive devotional service prior to the election.

Commission chairmen are: Tan Chooi Lye, Miss Lee Chye Hooi, Cheah Sin Hooi, and Benjamin Dawson, for worship and evangelism, world friendship, community service, and recreation and culture, in that order. An assistant was selected to work with each of these chairmen. These helpers are Miss Toh Suat Lean, Miss Margaret M., T. Somasundram, and Ooi Leong Seng.

Elected vice-president was Tan Chong San, with Miss Teoh Chai Suan and Miss Lim Seok Im, secretary and assistant secretary, and Miss Ooi Swee Lee and Lim Teng Tean, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Miss Doreen Looi serves as organist and she is assisted by Miss Goh Kwee Eng. Counsellors are Mrs. Marmaduka Dodsworth and Mr. Loo Choo Kheam.

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Penang MYF Allocation Met

When the Rev. Burr H. Baughman spoke in Taiping, March 8, he was introduced by Mr. K. C. Yeoh, Penang District MYF president and Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, who disclosed that the District had contributed more than $200 of the $1,000 pledged by the Malayan MYF.

Penang Wesley, Chinese, Chinese English-speaking, Tamil, and Taiping Wesley realized $158.55 in a Christmas card sale project. In addition to this, Taiping sent another $42 in January.

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Spolight on Youth

The 1952 All-Malaya Institute turned the spotlight on youth in March and April. Members of the churches, WSCS groups, and other well-wishers have cooperated in raising funds to subsidize deserving MYFers to travel to Singapore.

Penang Wesley MYF and WSCS earned more than $1300 from a Food Fair and Bazaar on March 8. Taiping MYF received $320 in donations from non-Christian friends alone. A pot-luck supper was held in conjunction with the WSCS on March 22.

Penang Chinese (English-speaking) had a very successful concert in charge of Mr. Teoh Ee San on March 15.

Officers and counselors of the Penang Wesley MYF for 1952. Mr. Tan Teik Hock, president, is seated centre.

"FOR THE PROPOGATION OF THE GOSPEL"

These persons attended a Dedication Service when a station-wagon was presented by the Seremban Chinese MYF to the Chinese Methodist congregation at Seremban, December 23, 1951.

The recently-organised Chinese MYF at Seremban has something to be proud of. On December 23, 1951, the 130 members presented a new station wagon to their Church after a simple and beautiful dedication service.

The pastor, the Rev. Fang Chao Hsi, conducted the service which was well attended. Mr. Ong Tieng Hee, Chairman of the Church's Board of Trustees, received the gift from Mr. Fang Chung Nan, president of the Seremban Chinese MYF.

Behind this presentation lies a unique revelation of what close cooperation between the MYF and the Church can achieve. Formed on October 16, 1951, this chapter was the result of enthusiasm displayed at the first All-Malaya Chinese MYF Institute held in Kuala Lumpur last August.

It was at this Institute that founder members of this chapter pledged all-out support to their Church. A survey of the Church's immediate needs was carried out and it was found that a motor vehicle for evangelistic and other church work would greatly assist the pastor, who has a wide area to cover, including Port Dickson, Jelebu, and Mantin Chinese churches.

From their own pockets, MYF members contributed more than $2000 to support the ambitions project of purchasing a station wagon. Then they approached church members for their assistance.

Church members, admiring the exemplary enthusiasm of the MYF, responded to the appeal and within two months, more than $6000 had been raised.

Inspiring and unique in the history of Methodist youth in Malaya, this group cooperation is the kind of which every MYF member may be proud. The gift was a symbol of love and sacrifice for the Church and Seremban MYFers dedicated it for "the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

World Conference of Christian Youth

At an emergency District cabinet meeting in Penang on March 10, Mr. K. C. Yeoh was unanimously elected to the Malayan delegation to the World Conference of Christian Youth to be held in Travancore, India, next December. The other Malayan MYF nomination is Mr. D. R. Daniel, Conference president, of Ipoh.

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Chinese MYF Jottings

Ipoh—This Fellowship recently celebrated its fourth anniversary with a tea-party at Chinese Methodist School, Kampong Bangali. Afterwards there was a friendly basketball game with the Sheng Wu team. MYF president Wong Yeng Choon writes that on January 28 this group organised a special fair to raise funds and over $1000 was realized for the purpose of sending eighteen delegates to the All-Malaya MYF Institute in Singapore.

Penang — The English-speaking section held a Variety Concert on March 13 at Anglo-Chinese School Hall and earned $1158, the full proceeds being appropriated for the Delegate Fund for Institute. Twenty-four delegates will represent this Fellowship.

Ayer Itam Intermediate — This beautiful church at the foot of Ayer Itam Hills serves a growing Christian Community. Besides the Sunday and weekly meetings the pastor, the Rev. Fang Ming Teh, organised the first Chinese-Speaking Intermediate MYF and on Chinese New Year Sunday the following members were installed as cabinet officers: superintendent, Mr. Song Ban Kheng; Chairman, Miss Ang Sim Choo; secretary, Khoo Kiat Ju; treasurer, Yeoh Suan Kim.

Penang Cantonese — Originally a part of the MYF at Madras Lane Church, this new group was set up early in 1952 under the leadership of the Rev. Leong Wai Ah. On March 15 there was an installation service and a social at the Union Institution, Penang.

Madras Lane — The new cabinet, headed by Mr. Lee Cheong Beng, president, and Mr. Ang Hooi Teik, vice-president, has given new inspiration to the members. In the New Year Advance Programe a campaign for new members has already resulted in sixteen applications for membership. The Editorial Board, led by Mr. Loh Jin Bin and Mr. Tan Khay Choo, is attempting to revive the bi-monthly bulletin and the Easter issue was out by April 1.

Kampong Bharu — Situated at the mouth of the Dindings River, this beautiful church is accessible by motor boat and it takes about forty-five minutes to reach it. It was founded by the Rev. Shih Yu Shou who has just retired from the active ministry. This MYF recently won a new member through the efforts of "Mr. Cupid", when Miss Lim Poh Chuan, one of the active cabinet officers of the Penang MYF, announced her engagement to Mr. Ho Huai Eong. Wedding bells will peal out sometime in early May.

(These news notes, indicating remarkable virility in the Chinese MYFs in Northern Malaya, were collected by the Rev. M. T. Fang, Secretary for Youth Work in Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference — Editor.)

Tabulation of volunteer service cards received on the final day of the All-Malaya MYF Institute in Singapore, April 23, has revealed that fifteen young people are prepared to go into new villages as full-time workers for a two-year period. Details of plans for the training of these recruits will be forthcoming.

Christian Literature

Birdice Lawrence

During March the Manager of the Methodist Book Room visited some eighteen of our Methodist Schools and churches in the northern part of the Federation, ranging from Alor Star to Telok Anson. Though often without previous announcement, the display and sale of books was warmly welcomed. Orders sent in sometimes surpassed the amount of cash sales. We are grateful for the fine cooperation of Principals and teachers and the interest they are encouraging in young readers. Travel was facilitated by many friends and cordial hospitality was much appreciated.

The selection of leisure time reading suitable for children and growing youth is one of major concern to the Book Room. Suggestions have been noted by the Book Room which will aid in our selection. Interests indicated by the choices of students and further pointers from both students and teachers will be welcomed.

We hope to make information regarding schedule available well in advance when we plan future trips, so that each place to be visited may make previous announcement.

WORSHIP AIDS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH received this month:

Stories for Junior Worship — Alice Greer Kelsey.
More Stories for Junior Worship — Alice Greer Kelsey.
Children's Stories to Read or Tell — Alice Hazeltine.
Great Art and Children's Worship — Jean Louise Smith.
Teakwood Pulpit and other stories — Alice Greer Kelsey.
Guiding Intermediates in Worship — Estelle Blanten Barber.
Youth Programs for Special Occasions — Ruth Schroeder.
Worship Services for Purposeful Living —Alice Bays.
Right Here, Right Now — Margaret T. Applegarth.

More New Books

Restoring Worship — Clarice Bowman.
God's Back Pasture — Arthur Wentworth Hewett.
Meditations — Toyohiko Kagawa.
Mr. Jones, Meet the Master — Peter Marshall.
Letters to Young Churches — J. B. Phillips.
Living Joyously — Kirby Page (a daily devotional book)
The Valley of the Shadow — Hans Lilje (German Minister under Gestapo)
Doctors Courageous — Edward H. Hume.
Forward Through the Ages — Basil Mathews.
Fellowship Evangelism — Harry C. Munro.
The Christian Outlook — Kenneth Scott Latourette.
Here I Stand — Russell Bainton (a life of Martin Luther).
FOR METHODIST EMPHASIS WEEK.
John Wesley — May McNeer and Lynn Ward (biography in easy English)
Endless Line of Splendor — Halford E. Luccock.
John Wesley's Journal (abridged)
Methodism has a Message — Bishop Kern.

AMONG THOSE SLAIN

Mr. Michael Codner, Assistant District Officer, Tanjong Malim, and Chairman of the building committee for the recently-completed classrooms at Methodist English School there, was among those killed by bandits at Tanjong Simpang Ampat, March 25.

It was this ambush, in which a total of twelve persons were murdered, that resulted in the twenty-two-hour daily curfew imposed on Tanjong Malim by the High Commissioner of the Federation of Malaya, General Sir Gerald Templer, on March 27, and lifted again on April 9.

Mr. W. A. Fourniss, executive engineer at Tanjong Malim, met his death in the same attack, as did Mr. Teoh Eng Kiew, technical assistant, and Inche Ahmad bin Jali, pipeline fitter. Eight policemen were mowed down by the terrorists.

The mission of the Government officials was to repair a pipeline which had repeatedly been severed by bandits. There was no cover for protection and the police were killed one by one.

Mr. Codner, as chairman of the building committee for our School in Tanjong Malim, presided at the opening of the new buildings last November 24 and made one of the addresses. His interest in our programme was a very genuine one.

Thirty-two years old, Mr. Codner was granted the Military Cross during World War II for heroism in an escape, with two companions, from Stalag Luft III Camp in Silesia, by means of a wooden horse, which was used as a shield while the men scrambled for freedom.

He was born in Malaya and joined the Malayan Civil Service in 1950. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Conder, live in Kelantan. His wife and one child are other survivors.

Mr. D. K. Rajakariar, Principal of Methodist English School, had to close school in order to cooperate with the curfew order when it became effective. The High Commissioner suspended the order when letters containing bandit secrets were received at Kuala Lumpur after a house-to-houes canvass in the beleaguered town. A number of arrests have since been made.

Christian Education

Theodore R. Doraisamy

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

May 4: WSCS Sunday.
May 11: Mothers' Day (or Parents' Day or Christian Education Sunday). Materials which were issued in 1951 can be supplied upon request.
May 19-25: Methodist Emphasis Week in churches, schools, etc.
May 25: Aldersgate Sunday, the anniversary of the conversion experience of John Wesley (May 24). "The Advance for Christ and His Church" in 1952 features our Methodist heritage.
June 1: Pentecost.
June 1-8: Methodist Youth Week.
June 8: Ecumenical Sunday — Trinity Sunday.
June 9-15: Home Missions Week.
June 15: Fathers' Day (If May 11 is observed only as Mothers' Day).

Classes in the Capital

Kuala Lumpur's Wesley Church was the scene of a well-attended Church Workers' Training School, March 26-28. Dean of the School was the host pastor, the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr.

Seventy persons were enrolled and the following training opportunities were offered: kindergarten workers, Mrs. Hugh Clancy and Mrs. M. Y. Lee, instructors; primary workers, Mrs. Robert F. Lundy and Miss Dorothy Poulier, instructors; junior workers, Mrs. Tan Teik Hoe, instructor; intermediate and senior workers, Mrs. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., and Miss Martha McCutchen, instructors; stewards and the work of the Church, the Rev. Robert F. Lundy, instructor.

Two sessions of each class were held each evening, 6:00 — 6:45 and 8:00 — 8:30. A discussion period was planned each evening and the School participants enjoyed supper together for the three nights. The menu was varied to provide for all tastes, with curry, mee, and hamburgers the featured dishes for the three suppers.

One highlight of the sessions was an enlightened presentation of the task of the Sunday School teacher by Mrs. Tan Teik Hoe on the first evening. A service of dedication was the concluding event on Friday night. At that time, workers knelt at the altar of the Church and pledged themselves to "grow in the knowledge and love of Thy word, that we may minister to the growing life of Thy Church." Mr. Teilmann spoke on the subject, "The Challenge Is Ours."

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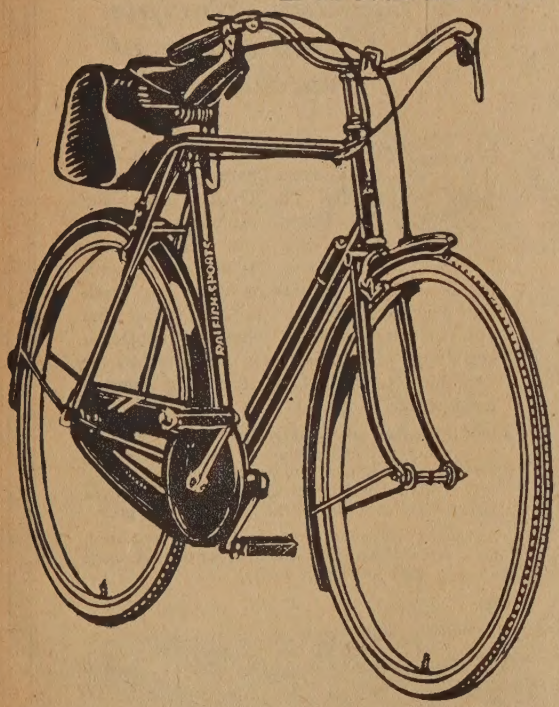

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